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Dear Sir:

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Applicant is enclosing herewith formal drawings to replace the informal drawings filed with the application. Enclosed herewith are five (5) sheets of drawings, including Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D. Please replace the originally filed drawings of Figs. 1-3 with the enclosed replacement formal drawings of Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 3D.

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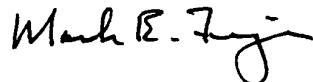
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Applicant urges that the sheets of the replacement formal drawings meet the prescribed minimum margin requirements. In addition, Applicant urges that the replacement formal drawings are executed in durable black color with the lines being uniformly thick and well-defined and now contain numbers, letters and reference lines having simplicity and clarity. Applicant also urges that no new subject matter has been incorporated into this application by substituting these replacement formal drawings.

Applicant respectfully urges that this application is now in better condition for examination, and early allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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